

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 remain in the application. The Examiner has made a restriction requirement as to claims 1-6. More specifically, the Examiner restricted the claims of the application into one of the following two inventions:

Group I, claims(s) 1 (partial), 2, and 4-6, drawn to a silicone-based PSA containing an aromatic amine compound that does not have any siloxane moieties; and

Group II, claim(s) 1 (partial) and 3-6, drawn to a silicone-based PAS containing an organopolysiloxane having aromatic amino groups.

The Applicant respectfully traverses the form of the Examiner's position. The Applicant submits that the Examiner's restriction to the claims is in error. A claim restriction is not procedurally proper here. This is evidence by the fact that the Examiner had to use the term "partial" with respect to claim 1 in making the claim restriction.

Instead, the proper action by the Examiner should have been to require that the Applicants make a species election between two species as follows:

Species No. 1, Component (C) of claim 1 as an "aromatic amine compound"; and

Species No. 2, Component (C) of claim 1 as an "organopolysiloxane containing aromatic amino groups".

To this end, the Applicant elects the “aromatic amine compound”. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 are generic as to the “aromatic amine compound”. Claim 3 reads on the non-elected “organopolysiloxane containing aromatic amino groups”. The Applicant respectfully requests rejoinder of claims to the non-elected species of “organopolysiloxane containing aromatic amino groups” upon the allowance of a generic claim. As indicated above, claim 1 is generic to both the “aromatic amine compound” and the “organopolysiloxane containing aromatic amino groups”.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 08-2789.

Respectfully submitted,
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